

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

OTTER, C. L. "Butch" (Republican)  
Representative, 1st District, Idaho  
Elected 2000 to 107th Congress



### BACKGROUND

Born: Caldwell, Idaho -- 3 May 1942

Home: Star, Idaho

Marital status: Divorced - 4 children

Religion: Roman Catholic

Education: College of Idaho, B.A., 1967

Military: None

Profession: Agribusiness company executive; oil company partner

Political: Defeated Linda Pall (D) with 65% of the vote to succeed Rep Helen Chenoweth-Hage (R), who retired. Idaho House, 1973-77; Lt Governor, 1987-2000. Reelected in 2002 with 59% of the vote.

Rep Otter holds beliefs that are more libertarian than Republican. Advocates a limited federal role on almost all issues. Education will be one of his top priorities and he firmly believes in diminishing the role of federal government in education. Supports partial privatization of Social Security. Other priorities include the national debt, tax cuts, and crime. Believes the US should participate in UN peacekeeping missions only when vital US interests are involved and the US should never place its sovereignty at risk. Opposes ground troops in Kosovo. Supports National Missile Defense. Hopes to be assigned to the Commerce Cmte.

In the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress, supported Sen Craig's (R-ID) hold on Air Force promotions. Said that was the only way to get the AF to live up to its promise to add 4 planes to Gowen Field. Believed this was necessary to protect the base from closure.

AF Bases: Mountain Home AFB (interest); Saylor Creek Range

### COMMITTEES

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